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Dear Jim,

Some time ago you askedme for a picture for your den wall. I have no formal one and cannot afford having one taken. However, until that happy day, perhaps you will get a ~~laugh~~ laugh from the enclosed souvenir of my last trip. Behind me is the Kirkpatrick slave quarters, where I stayed.

Your statement on Warren and Fortas, in the N.O. papers that reached us today, is an excellent one.

But to the degree that your mind and obligations permit, why not try and rest up a bit during your convalescence?

I've been going at it longer and harder, so I am more than in sympathy with your dedication and your pushing yourself. However, we have a long fight ahead, and I think we must begin to husband ourselves. I have started to try. I now aim for not less than five hours' sleep, and sometimes I get six. I'm even exercising a bit, and I've taken off almost 20 pounds. Makes for a better prospect for the long pull. I think it would with you, too.

One of those working with me, one I haven't introduced to your office, is an amateur cryptographer. I have sent him an anonymous letter from someone turned on by one of my appearances. He tells me his work is not definitive, but taking what was sent me it is possible to reconstruct a hidden message in a document with which we are all familiar. If it is true, then it would seem that the dead Dreyfus was wired both ways, politically, or may have served competitive masters, with each of whom he could converse in any event.

Vince Salandria was here for a weekend, Hal Verb and Gary Schoener for a week. We will soon have a few interesting documents to send you. They read my three unpublished books and think two are among the most important, one possibly the most destructive of the goverbment fiction and posture. This is in an aspect we've not discussed.

The NSRP aspect is worse than even I had suspected. I've got that in the second book. The third is not on the evidence, is still not retyped.

Hope your convalescence is pleasant and speedy.